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SUBJECT: LONG ISLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA

SUMMARY: 83-MEMBER LONG ISLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA (DIRECTOR MARTIN DREIWITZ) TOURED OKINAWA WITH GREAT SUCCESS JULY 21-24. CONGEN BELIEVES SIMILAR GROUPS OR ARTISTS CAN GIVE GOOD BOOST TO INTER-CULTURAL RELATIONS AND HOPES THEY CAN BE ROUTED HERE. END SUMMARY  
1. SPONSORED BY CONGEN AND OKINAWA PREFECTURE MUSIC STUDY COUNCIL, ORCHESTRA GAVE TWO EXCELLENT CONCERTS, PERFORMING BEFORE

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MAINLY OKINAWAN STUDENT AUDIENCE OF 900 AT NAHA CIVIC AUDITORIUM (OKINAWA'S PREMIER CONCERT HALL), AND PREDOMINANTLY U.S. MILITARY AND DEPENDENT AUDIENCE OF 700 AT KADENA AIR BASE THEATER. BOTH CONCERTS WERE RECEIVED WITH TREMENDOUS ENTHUSIASM; KADENA SPECAIL SERVICES OFFICER CONSIDERS ORCHESTRA WAS GIVEN WARMEST RESPONSE RECEIVED BY ANY GROUP THAT HAS PERFORMED AT KADENA IN HIS EXPERIENCE.  
2. MOST MEANINGFUL EVENT WAS EXCHANGE AFTERNOON WITH TOP OKINAWAN JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BRASS BANDS, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE WON ALL-JAPAN BAND CONTENTS. EACH GROUP PLAYED FOR THE OTHERS AND FINISHED WITH ROUSING JOINT RENDITION OF THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER. DIRECTOR DREIWITZ CONSIDERS OKINAWA BANDS FINEST INDIVIDUAL HIGH SCHOOL BANDS HE HAS HEARD.

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3. VISIT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT HIGHLY EFFECTIVE,

TOP FLIGHT SUPPORT FROM U.S. FORCES. ARMY PROVIDED BARRACKS, DINING FACILITY, CHARTER BUSES AND TRUCK, SWIMMING POOL AND OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. ARMY HOSPITAL GAVE VITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. PERSONAL CONCERN AND EFFORT BY USAGO SPECIAL TROOPS COMMANDER LTC AKAM AND HIS STAFF TO ENSURE THAT VISIT WENT SMOOTHLY AND ENJOYABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WAS OUTSTANDING. AIR FORCE SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER FLEISCHER PERSONALLY COORDINATED ARRANGEMENTS FOR

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HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL KADENA CONCERT. USO ORGANIZED TOUR.

4. COMMENT: THE LONG ISLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM IN OKINAWA IN CURRENT MEMORY. VISIT ALSO PROVIDED DIRECT CONTACT AND INTERCHANGE BETWEEN YOUNG AMERICANS AND OKINAWAN STUDENTS WHICH HAS NOT BEEN EASY TO ACHIEVE HERE. OKINAWAN MUSICAL CULTURAL EVENTS, WHICH ARE SPARSE AT BEST, HAVE BEEN DOMINATED BY BLOC GROUPS SUCH AS EAST BERLIN SYMPHONY, KIROV BALLET, AND MOISEYEV DANCERS. GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT BY U.S. FORCES, OKINAWAN CULTURAL LEADERS, AND AMERICAN COMMUNITY, CONGEN BELIEVES EQUALLY HIGH QUALITY AMERICAN GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL PERFORMERS CAN HAVE SIMILAR SUCCESS IN OKINAWA AND DO MUCH TO COUNTERACT MILITARY IMAGE OF U. S. PROPOUNDED BY LEFTIST PRESS AND SPOKESMEN. WE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT OTHER ARTISTS AND GROUPS CAN BE ENCOURAGED TO INCLUDE OKINAWA ON THEIR FAR EAST ITINERARY.

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